FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: I rise to inform the House that the three non-official members of the Council who were elected at the meeting held under the Presidency of the Deputy President on the 12th July 1928 to serve on the Finance Committee for the remaining months of 1103 are:

1. Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai.
2. Mr. P. S. Mahomed, and
3. Mr. N. R. Krishnan.

It will be necessary for the Council to elect three non-official members of the House to serve on the Finance Committee for the year 1104. I have fixed Saturday the Fourth August 1928 as the date on which the election is to take place.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1104.

PRESIDENT: Members of the Legislative Council, the Budget estimates for the year 1104 will now be presented by the Financial Secretary to Government and, under Rule 47 of the Legislative Council Rules, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by voting of demands for grants. Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th August 1928, will be devoted to the general discussion. The discussion on the demands and voting on them will take place on Monday, the 6th August, and continue to Monday, the 13th August, the maximum time of seven days allowable for the purpose having been allotted. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they have been printed in the statement, copies of which have already been furnished to you. Three out of the seven days may be devoted to Public Works, Education and Land Revenue, each of these demands being given not more than one day. The remaining demands will have to be dealt with before the close of the 7th day; and not more than half a day can be allotted to any one demand. At the end of the time allotted for the discussion of each demand all pending motions in respect of it will automatically lapse; and at 5 o'clock on the evening of the last of the days allotted, every question in connection with the disposal of all outstanding matters in connection with demands for grants will be put to the House under Rule 49 (3).

As in previous years, each member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed, during the general discussion stage, not more than 20 minutes. When voting on demands for grants, the mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed 10 minutes each, the other members being given 5 minutes each. Following the precedent in past years, these motions for reduction need not be seconded. Government will be glad if the non-official members will, at the general discussion stage, afford sufficient time to the official members to reply to the points raised. Printed forms have been supplied to the members for sending in their motions for reduction.

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